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Sen. Allen welcomes local students to technology showcase

LANSING – State Sen. Jason Allen, R-Traverse City, welcomed students from across the 37th Senate District on Wednesday for the AT&T and Michigan Association for Computer Users in Learning Student Technology Showcase.

“The showcase was a wonderful opportunity for children and teachers to demonstrate how they use technology to learn,” Allen said. “I was impressed to see the creative types of projects our students are doing with technology in the classroom.”

The fifth annual showcase allowed legislators, business leaders and others in attendance to see how technology is used in Michigan’s classrooms.

Elementary, middle and high school students, and teachers from approximately 80 schools across the state traveled to Lansing for the event.

Allen visited with students and teachers from St. Mary Catholic School in Sault Ste. Marie, Whitefish Township School in Paradise, Sault Area Middle School and Mancelona Middle School.

The showcase involved a wide variety of classroom technology projects in numerous subject areas including science, social studies, mathematics and language arts. Student demonstrations included video production, web authoring, handheld technologies, robotics, digital imaging, and multimedia and student broadcasting.

“It’s truly amazing to see all of the cutting edge technology our children are learning to use,” Allen said. “I’m glad to know that students are receiving the necessary skills needed to compete in our ever changing workforce.”

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Editor’s note: Photos of Sen. Allen with students and teachers of the 37th Senate District are available at: <http://www.senate.michigan.gov/gop/photowire/Allen/Allen.htm>.